

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please amend the specifications as follows:

On page 19, line 14, the sentence should read, "The support may be any suitable polymer...."

On page 21, line 15, please insert the number '19' such that the sentence should now read, "Stepwise adjustable valve 19 enables a method as described...."

On page 21, line 22, please replace the word 'above' with the word 'below,' such that the sentence should now read, "It will further be appreciated that the requirements for the valve 19 are determined by the magnitude of the fractional steps desired (some examples are given below)."